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- 1. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ TOLD PRESS ON AUGUST FIRST THAT ORGANIZED LABOR'S COST-OF-LIVING WAGE DEMANDS WOULD BE AT LEAST 42 PERCENT. FORMAAL DEMANDS HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLICLY MADE AS THE CONGRESS OF LABOR WHICH INCLUDES VELAZQUEZ' CTM HAVE NOT YET MADE A STATEMENT. HOWEVER LABOR SOURCES INDICATE THAT DEMANDS HAVEE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY OF LABOR MUNOZ-LEDO.
- 2. COMMENT: IF PATTERN WAS SET SEPT. 1973 WHEN LABOR DEMANDED 33 PERCENT ON SEPT 1 AND GOM DECREED 20 PERCENT ON SEPT. 25 THEN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE CAN BE EXPECTED SHORTLY. GREATEST DIFFICULTY IS HOW INCREASE WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO EXIISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS IF GOM DECIDES ACCEED TO LABOR'S PROPOSALS IN SAME MANNER AS 1973. ANY SUCH INCREASE WOULD TORPEDO EFFORTS TO AVOID INFLATIONARY WAGE INCREASES THROUGH CURRENT MOVES TO AVOID PRICE INCREASES ON WORKER CONSUMER GOODS.

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